

means for specifying an operating amount of the air mixing damper, characterized in that an operating amount of said air mixing damper with respect to an operating amount of said operating means changes from operation initiation to operation completion.

30. (New) An air mixing damper apparatus according to claim 29, characterized in that an operating amount of said air mixing damper with respect to an operating amount of said operating means at operation initiation and operation completion is small compared to at an intermediate operation stage.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. By the present preliminary amendment the specification has been amended to include suggested headings. Original claims 1-11 have been cancelled and new claims 12-30 have been presented for examination. New claims 12-30 are similar in scope to original claims 1-11 but have been written to no longer recite any reference numerals or multiple dependencies.

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The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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